

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Georgia
Hardware/Software Requirements for CM/ECF**

Personal computer (Pentium class recommended) running a standard platform such as Windows 95, 98, Me, 2000, XP with at least 128 MB of RAM (256 MB or higher recommended; if considering new purchase select PC with 512 MB). Macintosh equivalents are also acceptable. The computer should have adequate hard disk storage; we recommend 10 gigabytes (GB) or more.

Internet access via cable modem, DSL (Digital Subscriber Line), ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network), or T1 line. Standard dial-up modem access (56K speed) is not recommended because its connection speed from the Internet to the CM/ECF will be very slow when downloading/uploading files from the server.

Internet Service Provider using point-to-point protocol (PPP). America Online is not endorsed for use with ECF.

Internet Explorer (IE) version 5.5 or 6.0; or Netscape Navigator version 4.6 or 4.7 or higher. Netscape Communicator, which includes Netscape Navigator, may be downloaded without charge from Netscape's web site www.netscape.com. Because the program is a very large set of files, however, the process would be very time-consuming for all but the fastest Internet connections. For most users, ordering a CD containing Netscape Communicator from the above referenced web site would be more efficient. There is a small charge for this CD.

A PDF-compatible word processing program, such as WordPerfect or Microsoft Word. Macintosh word processing software allowing PDF file conversion is also acceptable.

Software to convert documents from a word processor format to portable document format (PDF). Adobe Acrobat PDF Writer, as well as certain word processing programs, can perform this function. Acrobat Writer version 5.0 and earlier versions to 3.0 meet the CM/ECF filing requirements. **NOTE:** This software is something which must be purchased. Downloading from the Internet only gives you Acrobat *Reader* which will not allow you to convert documents. For special Law Office Pricing from Adobe, call 888-724-4508 or www.adobe.com. Attorneys will need to give their Bar number. Mention "Electronic Case Filing" with the U.S. Courts.

A scanner to image documents that are not in your word processing system. One equipped with an automatic document feeder is recommended for faster scanning of multiple page documents or for users who anticipate imaging many documents. We recommend that users start with a flatbed scanner.

It is likely that most Internet users will already have the necessary hardware, software and Internet service, with the possible exception of a scanner and Adobe Acrobat. If you would like to discuss these requirements in more detail please contact the Department of Computer Services at (912) 650-4201.

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